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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the General Counsel, formally determined on February 10, 1997, that the meeting of the Judges Panel will be closed pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, as amended by Section 5(c) of the Government in the Sunshine Act, Public Law 94-409. The meeting, which involves examination of records and discussion of Award applicant data, may be closed to the public in accordance with Section 552b(c)(4) of Title 5, United States Code, since the meeting is likely to disclose trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential.

Dated: July 22, 1997.

**Elaine Buntin-Mines,**  
*Director, Program Office.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 072297F]

#### Magnuson Act Provisions; Essential Fish Habitat; Public Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The NMFS Alaska Region will hold an essential fish habitat (EFH) team meeting to discuss the following items: development of FY 98 funding proposals; review of salmon, crab, scallop, and groundfish habitat assessment reports; discussion of a process for public involvement and incorporation of traditional knowledge; Geographical Information Systems needs, research needs.

**DATES:** The Alaska Region core EFH team will meet August 4-5, 1997, in Juneau, AK. The meeting will begin at 8:00 a.m. each day.

**ADDRESSES:** The team will meet in room 445 B and 445 C in the Federal Building located at 709 W. 9th Street, Juneau, AK.

Questions be addressed to Protected Resources Management Division, 709 W. 9th Street, Suite 461, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668; telephone: (907) 586-7235.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cindy Hartmann, NMFS, (907) 586-7585; e-mail: cindy.hartmann@noaa.gov

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### Background

The NMFS Alaska Region core EFH team was formally established in April 1997 to implement the EFH provisions of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. EFH provisions include the description and identification of essential fish habitat and threats to that habitat.

#### Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Cindy Hartmann, (907) 586-7235, at least 5 working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: July 24, 1997.

**Bruce C. Morehead,**  
*Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 072197D]

#### Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Meetings

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) and its Habitat Committee, Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Monitoring Committee, Scientific & Statistical Committee, Bluefish Monitoring Committee, Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Committee, Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Committee, Bluefish Advisory Committee, together with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's (ASMFC) Bluefish Advisory Committee, and the Coastal Migratory Committee of the Whole with the ASMFC Bluefish Board will hold a public meeting.

**DATES:** The meetings will be held on August 11-14, 1997. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

**ADDRESSES:** These meetings will be held at the Sheraton Society Hill Hotel, One

Dock Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106-3996; telephone: 215-238-6000.

**Council address:** Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 300 S. New Street, Dover, DE 19904; telephone: 302-674-2331.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David R. Keifer, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; telephone: 302-674-2331.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On Monday, August 11, 1997, the Habitat Committee and the Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Monitoring Committee will meet simultaneously from 1:00-4:00 p.m. On Tuesday, August 12, the Scientific & Statistical Committee will meet from 8:00-10:00 a.m. The Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Committee and the Bluefish Monitoring Committee will meet simultaneously from 10:00 a.m. until noon. The Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Committee and the Bluefish Advisory Committee (together with ASMFC) will meet simultaneously from 1:00-4:00 p.m. On Wednesday, August 13, the Council will meet from 8:00 a.m. until noon. The Council will meet as a Coastal Migratory Committee of the Whole (together with the ASMFC Bluefish Board) from 1:00-4:00 p.m. On Thursday, August 14, the Council will meet from 8:00 a.m. until noon.

The purpose of these meetings is to discuss essential fish habitat, discuss the 1998 recommendations for squid, mackerel, and butterfish, discuss the 1998 quota recommendations for surfclams and ocean quahogs, recommend the 1998 management measures and discuss Amendment 1 to the Bluefish Fishery Management Plan, hear report of the 1998 Stock Assessment Workshop, and other fishery management matters.

The above agenda items may not be taken in the order in which they appear and are subject to change as necessary; other items may be added. This meeting may also be closed at any time to discuss employment or other internal administrative matters.

#### Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Joanna Davis at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: July 23, 1997.

**Bruce C. Morehead,**  
*Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*  
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